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SUBJECT: NEW CAPITAL: DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY DATA PROCESSING

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1. IN RESPONSE REFTTEL, INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL PROGRAMS CENTER OF CENSUS BUREAU (BUCEN/ISPC) GENERALLY INTERESTED AND WILLING ASSIST NIGERIAN FEDERAL CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA) IF POSSIBLE ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS. PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION INDICATES BUCEN IN PRINCIPLE CAPABLE OF HANDLING DATA ENTRY PORTION OF REQUEST, AS WELL AS DATA EDIT AND TABULATION. HOWEVER, CDA REQUEST RAISES MANY QUESTIONS WHICH MUST BE ANSWERED PRIOR FINAL DETERMINATION TRUE FEASIBILITY (COST AND TIMING) BUCEN/ISPC ASSISTANCE.

2. AT PRESENT STAGE, QUESTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. DOES CDA HAVE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO SHIP QUESTIONNAIRES OUTSIDE OF NIGERIA TO U.S.? BUCEN WILLING ENTER FORMAL UNCLASSIFIED

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AGREEMENT TO RETURN QUESTIONNAIRES PHYSICALLY TO NIGERIA AND RETAIN NO REPEAT NO COPIES OF DATA UPON COMPLETION OF TASK.

B. CAN CDA PROVIDE REASONABLE GUARANTEES OF EXPEDITING MOVEMENT OF QUESTIONNAIRES THROUGH NIGERIAN CUSTOMS?

C. CAN BUCEN ASSUME CDA AND/OR GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA WILL

PAY ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH FULFILLING REQUEST?
BUCEN HAS NO FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS
REQUEST.

D. IN VIEW SHORT TIME SCHEDULE IS CDA WILLING SHIP
QUESTIONNAIRES VIA AIR FREIGHT?

E. HOW CRUCIAL TO CDA ARE STATED SURVEY DEADLINES?
SPECIFICALLY, IS CDA WILLING INCUR UNUSUALLY HIGH COSTS
IN ORDER KEEP CLOSE TO DEADLINES? SUCH COSTS WOULD
INCLUDE USE OF AIR FREIGHT, OVERTIME PERSONNEL, VISIT
OF NIGERIANS TO U.S. AND/OR BUCEN TECHNICIANS TO NIGERIA,
ETC.

3. INITIAL FEELING OF BUCEN/ISPC IS THAT FULFILLMENT
OF REQUEST FAR MORE COMPLICATED THAN SURFACE APPEARANCES.
FOR EXAMPLE, BUCEN CAPABLE IN PRINCIPLE OF ACCOMPLISHING
DATA ENTRY OF 80,000 EIGHT-PAGE QUESTIONNAIRES BY MID-
SEPTEMBER. HOWEVER, ACCOMPLISHMENT DEPENDS UPON PHYSICAL
RECEIPT OF QUESTIONNAIRES ASAP AND MORE IMPORTANTLY ON
CONTENTS AND LAYOUT OF QUESTIONNAIRE. (ABSOLUTELY NO LATER
THAN AUGUST 1 - KEY TO TAPE MACHINES REQUIRE SOPHISTICATED
PROGRAMMING BEFORE DATA ENTRY BEGINS - REQUIRES 30 DAYS)
REQUEST IMMEDIATELY COPY OF COMPLETED EIGHT-PAGE CIVIL
SERVANT QUESTIONNAIRE TO EXAMINE FOR POSSIBLE METHODS
OF DATA ENTRY AND POSSIBILITY ENCOUNTERING PROBLEMS WITH
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LEGIBILITY OR CODE SCHEMES. REQUEST ALSO ALL REPEAT ALL
SUPPORTING BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS ON DEVELOPMENT OF SURVEY
INCLUDING PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES AND INTENDED COVERAGE OF
SURVEY AS WELL AS TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS, INTERVIEWERS
MANUALS, CODING MANUALS, AND ESPECIALLY SAMPLING PLAN IF
SAMPLING UTILIZED.

4. REASON FOR ABOVE EXHAUSTIVE REQUEST IS THAT MOST
SERIOUS PROBLEMS LIKELY TO OCCUR IN DATA EDITING AND TABU-
LATIONS. IF PLANS FOR COMPUTER EDIT, IMPUTATION OF MISSING
DATA AND TABULATIONS HAVE BEEN FORMULATED, REQUEST COPIES
BE FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY.

5. IS ANY OF ABOVE INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN U.S. FROM
AMERICAN CONSORTIUM IDENTIFIED REFTEL AS INTERNATIONAL
PLANNING ASSOCIATION (IPA)? BUCEN ATTEMPTING CONTACT IPA
OFFICE WASHINGTON.

6. DOES CDA PLAN PROCESS SECOND AND THIRD PHASE SURVEYS
IN LAGOS 1978 WHEN NATIONAL POPULATION BUREAU COMPUTER
AVAILABLE? IF REQUEST BUCEN ASSISTANCE NEED ADDITIONAL
COMPLETION SCHEDULES AND SURVEY PARTICULARS AS REQUESTED

ITEMS 2 THRU 5.

7. IF CDA WILLING AND ABLE, SUGGEST SIMPLEST METHOD FOR ANSWERING QUESTIONS AND MOVING FORWARD WOULD BE FOR CDA TO IMMEDIATELY SEND TO BUCEN/WASHINGTON (A) DEMOGRAPHER/TECHNICIAN WHO HAS INTIMATE OPERATING FAMILIARITY WITH SURVEY AND CAPABLE ANSWERING QUESTIONS ON ALL TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF DATA ENTRY, EDITING AND TABULATION, AND (B) OFFICIAL WHO IS CAPABLE OF AND AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE COST AGREEMENT. IF SUCH PERSON(S) NOT AVAILABLE BUCEN REQUEST INVITATIONAL TRAVEL COMPUTER SURVEY SPECIALIST TO NIGERIA.
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